many time that if there is demand from the State Governments, then we examine the matter in consultation with the State Governments and other interested parties. Therefore, there cannot be a general rule about dispersing the High Courts every where. For instance, North East India. We do agree having regard to the demands by all the co icerned States there that there should be a High Court in each of these States at Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura and Shillong but there cannot be anything in the abstract in judgment.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Sir, in this very august House, there was a Calling Attention in the February-March Session and the Minister of State then assured that the report will shortly be placed before the House but even after six months if the Government is unable to place the report, it only shows their negligence. What is the necesscity to refer the matter to the State Goverr ments ?

As far as my home State of Tamil Nadu is concerned, the proposal to set up a bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai was first mooted in 1973 and again it was revived in 1977. If the matter is again referred to the State, then again the same reply will come from the State Government. So I want to know whether the Government will give a categorical assurance as to when the report of the commission.

MR CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Chari Committee's Report

*46. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received the Chari Committee's Report in November, 1985 identifying the problems plaguing the Eastern Coal Fields Limited and recommending the measures to be taken for scientific development of oal reserves and for increase in coal production; and

(b) what are the main observations and suggestions made in the report and the follow-up action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the main recommendations/observations made by the Committee and Government's decision taken thereon is laid on the Table of the House.

[*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 8].

Amalgamation of sick public drug companies

*47. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to bring together three sick public sector drug companies in Calcutta under a single company or a holding company;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether the workers of these companies have been consulted about the proposal; if so, what is their reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) (a) and (b) Government is examining the question of reorganisation of the three Calcutta based public sector drug companies.

(c) No, Sir.